

Annual Conference

RSC Biomaterials Chemistry Special Interest Group

University of Birmingham

2016

7-8th January 2016

Sport, Exercise and Rehabilitation Sciences Building,
University of Birmingham,
Edgbaston,
Birmingham,
B15 2TT

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Prof. Liam Grover, Dr. Richard Williams



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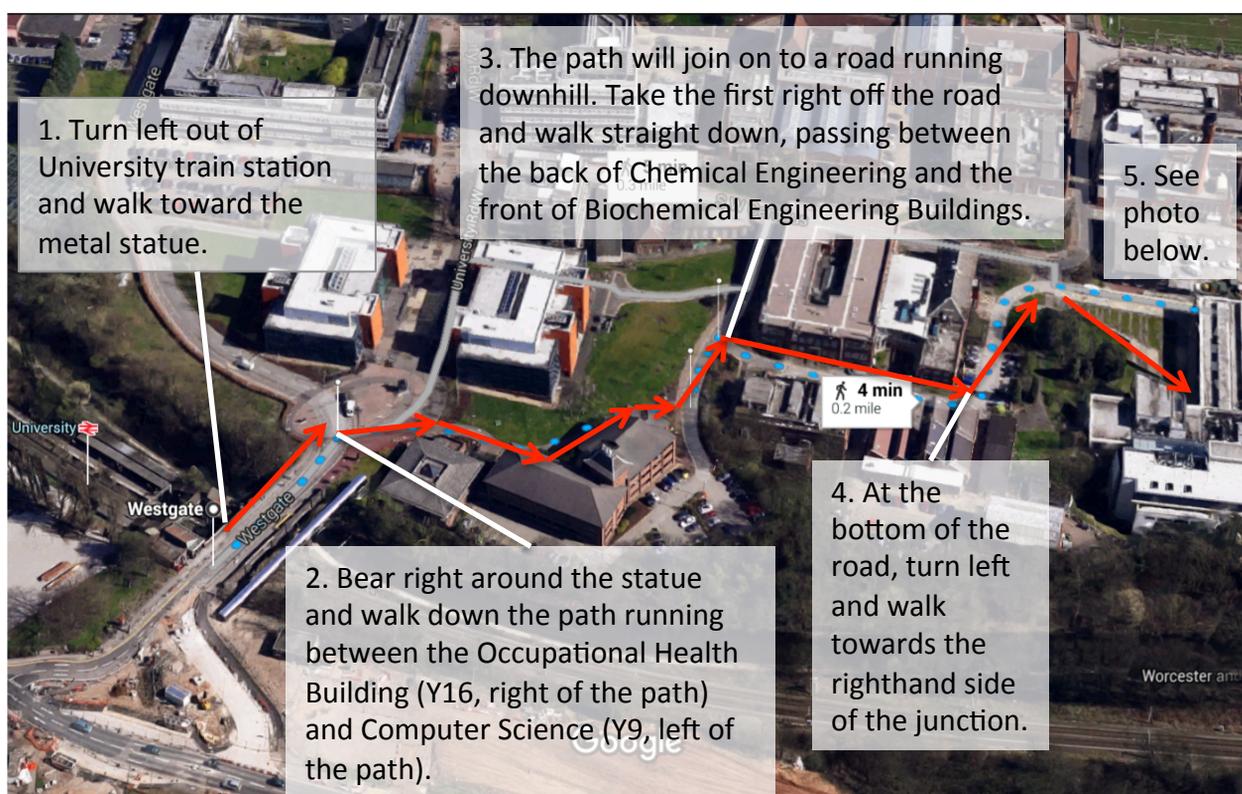
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Directions to the venue

The conference will be held at the Sports, Exercise and Rehabilitation Sciences Building at the University of Birmingham (Edgbaston Campus). Trains from Birmingham New Street station to University run approximately every 10 minutes. The directions below describe how to then walk from University train station to the conference venue (5 minutes). Delegates who wish to travel to the conference by taxi could ask to be dropped off at University train station and also follow the directions below. A full map of the campus is included at the back of this Programme.



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5 (see photo, right). As you approach the junction, look square right and you will see a black sign for Sports and Exercise Science (conference venue), which is the large silver building in the background at the bottom of a stepped path. Enter the venue via the entrance on the right at the bottom of the steps.



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Welcome

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Dear Delegates,

It is an immense pleasure to host the 2016 Annual Conference of the RSC Biomaterials Chemistry Special Interest Group at the University of Birmingham and to welcome your participation in the event. The RSC Biomaterials Chemistry Special Interest Group was set up in 2005 to provide a focus for groups in UK universities and industry working on the synthesis and characterisation of biomaterials. The group aims to enhance the understanding of the chemistries underlying the use of biomaterials in applications including prostheses, drug delivery and regenerative medicine.

Annual meetings of the group are designed to promote biomaterials chemistry research and development, enhance existing links, foster new collaborations and spread expertise. Meetings give participants the opportunity to present new work, discuss data and help to shape the future of research in this important and growing area of chemistry.

The response from the biomaterials research community has been excellent for this year's meeting with 18 different institutions, including two from mainland Europe, presenting their work on areas ranging from molecular scale engineering of materials to the development of analytical tools for biomaterials research. It is also a great honour to host talks from five world leading researchers in the field. The breadth of work to be presented at this conference reflects the strong multidisciplinary nature our field has evolved towards, which will no doubt underpin the major breakthroughs in regenerative medicine and the development of ground-breaking healthcare technologies.

We hope that you will enjoy the conference and the city of Birmingham.

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Prof. Liam Grover, University of Birmingham.
(Conference Chair)



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Thursday 7th January

09:30 - 10:00 Coffee and Registration

10:00 - 10:10 Welcome – Prof. Liam Grover (University of Birmingham)

Session 1 (10:10 – 12:10). Soft Materials: Understanding and tailoring soft material chemistry and structure 1.

10:10 – 10:40 Keynote talk

Prof. Jürgen Groll (Department of Functional Materials in Medicine and Dentistry, University of Würzburg, Germany).

10:40 – 10:55 A family of protein-superglues for programmable biomaterial assembly and cell triggering.

Gianluca Veggiani, Mark Howarth (Department of Biochemistry, University of Oxford, UK)

10:55 – 11:10 Synthesis of novel mucoadhesive microgels *via* post-polymerisation modification.

Dr. Ruairi P Brannigan (School of Chemistry, Food and Pharmacy, University of Reading, UK), Dr. Michael T Cook, Prasopchai Tonglairoum, Aiganym Azhkeyeva, Prof. Vitaliy V Khutoryanskiy.

11:10 – 11:25 Effect of Phenylalanine/Alanine Sequence in Self-assembling β -sheet Octapeptides.

Andrew Smith (School of Materials and Manchester Institute of Biotechnology, University of Manchester, UK), Jacek Wychowaniec, Stephen Boothroyd, Aline F. Miller and Alberto Saiani.

11:25 – 11:40 Thermally Triggered Injectable Hydrogel Which Induces Mesenchymal Stem Cell Differentiation to Promote Regeneration of the Intervertebral Disc.

Abbey Thorpe (Biomolecular Sciences Research Centre, Sheffield Hallam University, UK), Christopher Sammon, Christine L Le Maitre.

11:40 – 11:55 Development of an Inherently Radiopaque Drug-Eluting Bead for Image-guided Locoregional Treatment of Liver Tumours.

Koorosh Ashrafi, Yiqing Tang, Hugh Britton, Oriane Domenge, Delphine Blino, Ayele H. Negussie, Andrew Mikhail, David L. Woods, Venkatesh Krishnasamy, Elliot B. Levy, Karun V. Sharma, Bradford J. Wood, Sean L. Willis, Matthew R. Dreher, Andrew L. Lewis (Biocompatibles UK Ltd, Camberley, UK).



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Session 1 continued

11:55 – 12:10 Controlling doxorubicin release from β -sheet peptide hydrogels by finely-tuning drug-peptide interactions.

Mohamed A. Elsayy (School of Materials, University of Manchester, UK), Luis A. Castillo Díaz, Jacek Wychowaniec, Aline F. Miller, Alberto Saiani.

12:10 – 13:10 Lunch and Poster Session

Session 2 (13:10 – 14:40). Tissue Chemistry: Characterisation and manipulation of cellular and tissue chemistry

13:10 – 13:55 Keynote talk

Prof. Melinda Duer (Department of Chemistry, University of Cambridge, UK).

13:55 – 14:10 Polyphosphate Dissolution of Hydroxyapatite – A Potential Treatment for Pathological Mineralisation.

Neil Eisenstein (Chemical Engineering, University of Birmingham, UK), Sarah Stapley, and Liam Grover.

14:10 – 14:25 Micro X-Ray Fluorescence Mapping of Calcium Phosphates and Mineralised Tissues: Understanding Biomaterial Chemistry and Disease Mechanisms.

Richard L. Williams (School of Chemical Engineering, University of Birmingham, UK), Neil Eisenstein, Rajpal Nandra and Liam M. Grover.

14:25 – 14:40 Cationised Proteins as Agents to aid Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine.

Robert C. Deller (School of Cellular and Molecular Medicine, University of Bristol), James P. Armstrong and Adam W. Perriman.

14:40 – 14:55 3D ToF-SIMS Imaging of Primary Neuronal Cultures .

Sebastian Van Nuffel (School of Pharmacy, University of Nottingham, UK), Christopher Parmenter, David Scurr, Noah Russell and Mischa Zelzer.

14:55 – 15:25 Coffee



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Session 3 (15:25 – 16:55): Inorganic Materials

15:25 – 16:10 Keynote talk

Prof. Jake Barralet (Director of Orthopaedic Research, McGill University, Canada).

16:10 – 16:25 Novel Self-setting Bone Wax from Calcium Phosphate Cement / Poly(ethylene glycol) Mixtures.

Theresa Brückner (Department of Functional Materials in Medicine and Dentistry, University of Würzburg, Germany), Martha Schamel, Alexander C. Kübler, Jürgen Groll, Uwe Gbureck .

16:25 – 16:40 Structure-property relationships in biomaterials from computer modelling.

J. K. Christie (Department of Materials, Loughborough University, UK), R. I. Ainsworth, D. Di Tommaso, N. H. de Leeu.

16:40 – 16:55 *In situ* characterization of chemical composition in an alginate/CaP composite.

Sindre Bjørnøy (Department of Physics, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Norway), David C. Bassett and Pawel Sikorski.

16:55 – 17:55 Poster Session

Conference Dinner at 18:45

International Convention Centre,
Broad Street, Birmingham, B1 2EA
(Directions on next page)



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Directions to the Conference Dinner

Location

The ICC Birmingham
Broad Street
Birmingham
B1 2EA
www.theicc.co.uk/



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From the University of Birmingham

Train: Trains from University train station to Birmingham New Street run approximately every 10 minutes. The ICC is normally a 10 minute walk from the station, but current redevelopment works and footpath diversions in the area may extend the walk to 15 minutes. A set of walking directions accounting for these diversions can be accessed via this [link](#)

Car/Taxi: Driving directions can be found [here](#) and takes 15 minutes with moderate traffic

From Radisson Blu Hotel (Birmingham City Centre)

The ICC is around a 15 minute walk from the Radisson Blu Hotel. Walking directions can be accessed via this [link](#)

Driving directions can be found [here](#) and takes 3 minutes with moderate traffic



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Friday 8th January

09:00 – 09:30 Coffee

Session 1 (09:30 – 11:15). Soft Materials: Understanding and tailoring soft material chemistry and structure 2.

09:30 – 10:00 Keynote talk

Prof. Pawel Sikorski (Department of Physics, NTNU, Norway).

10:00 – 10:15 **A study of doubly crosslinked microgel composites and their properties.**

Zhengxing Cui (School of Materials, The University of Manchester, UK), and Brian R. Saunders.

10:15 – 10:30 **pH-Responsive Doubly Crosslinked Nanogel / Worm Composite Gels.**

Amir H. Milani (Polymer Science Research Group, School of Materials, University of Manchester, U.K.), Liam P. D. Ratcliffe, Daman J. Adlam, Judith A. Hoyland, Anthony J. Freemont, Steven P. Armes, Brian R. Saunders.

10:30 – 10:45 **Investigating Hysteresis in Thermoresponsive Assemblies.**

Lewis D. Blackman (University of Warwick, UK), Matthew I. Gibson and Rachel K. O'Reilly.

10:45 – 11:00 **Biocatalytic Co-Assembly to Design Dynamic Nanostructures.**

Yousef M. Abul-Haija (WestCHEM/Department of Pure & Applied Chemistry and Technology & Innovation Centre, University of Strathclyde, UK) and Rein V. Ulijn.

11:00 – 11:15 **In situ Screening of Polymeric Amphiphiles for siRNA Delivery.**

Francisco Fernandez-Trillo (School of Chemistry, University of Birmingham, UK), Daniel N. Crisan, Juan M. Priegue, José Martínez-Costas, Juan R. Granja, and Javier Montenegro.

11:15 – 11:45 Coffee



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Session 2 (11:45 – 13:15). Inorganic Materials 2, High throughput research methods and models

11:45– 12:15 Keynote talk

Prof. Pamela Habibović (MERLN Institute for Technology-inspired Regenerative Medicine, Maastricht University, Netherlands).

12:15 – 12:30 Novel Fully Resorbable Calcium Phosphate Microspheres for Biomedical Applications.

Ifty Ahmed (Advanced Materials Research Group, Faculty of Engineering, University of Nottingham, UK), Uresha Patel, Zakir Hossain, Virginie Sottile, David Grant and Brigitte Scammell.

12:30 – 12:45 Investigating the Interactions of Nanoscale Calcium Phosphates with Polymer additives.

Laura Shallcross (Polymers and Biomaterials Chemistry Laboratories, University of Sheffield , UK), Sarahfranziska Stahl, Prof. Paul Hatton, Dr Sebastian Spain.

12:45 – 13:00 High-Throughput Method for Identifying 3D Printable Ink Formulations for Biomaterial Manufacturing.

Iria Louzao (School of Pharmacy, University of Nottingham, UK), Clive Roberts, Cameron Alexander, Christopher Tuck, Ian Ashcroft, Ricky Wildman, Richard Hague, Morgan Alexander.

13:00 – 13:15 Development and optimisation of an *in vitro* model of the basal ganglia.

Matthew Dunn (Institute for Science and Technology in Medicine, Keele University, UK), Munyaradzi Kamudzandu, Rosemary Fricker, Paul Roach.

13:15 – 14:15 Lunch and Poster Session



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Session 3 (14:15 – 16:00). Bioresponsive surfaces: Surface modification, particles and fabrication

14:15 – 14:45 Keynote talk

Prof. Frank Müller (Friedrich-Schiller-University, Jena, Germany).

14:45 – 15:00 Electroactive Biomaterials for Drug Delivery and Tissue Engineering.

John G. Hardy (Materials Science Institute & Department of Chemistry, Lancaster University, UK) and Christine E. Schmidt.

15:00 – 15:15 Enzyme-responsive polyion complex nanoparticles for antimicrobial delivery.

Ignacio Insua (Schools of Chemistry, University of Birmingham, UK), Anne Marie Krachler, Anna F.A. Peacock and Francisco Fernandez Trillo.

15:15 – 15:30 Control of protein activity on surfaces using stimuli-responsive nanocomposite films.

Simone Basile (School of Chemical Engineering, University of Birmingham, UK), Paula M. Mendes.

15:30 – 15:45 Synthetic Defensins: Novel Antibacterial Agents for Surface Attachment.

Felicity de Cogan (Institute of Inflammation and Ageing, University of Birmingham, UK), Leigh Townsend, Sameed Mohammed, [Anna Peacock, Mark Webber, Ann Logan.

15:45 – 16:00 Influence of mould design on ice-templated scaffold structures

Anke Husmann (CCMM, University of Cambridge, UK), Kendell Pawelec, Clare Burdett, Serena Best and Ruth Cameron.

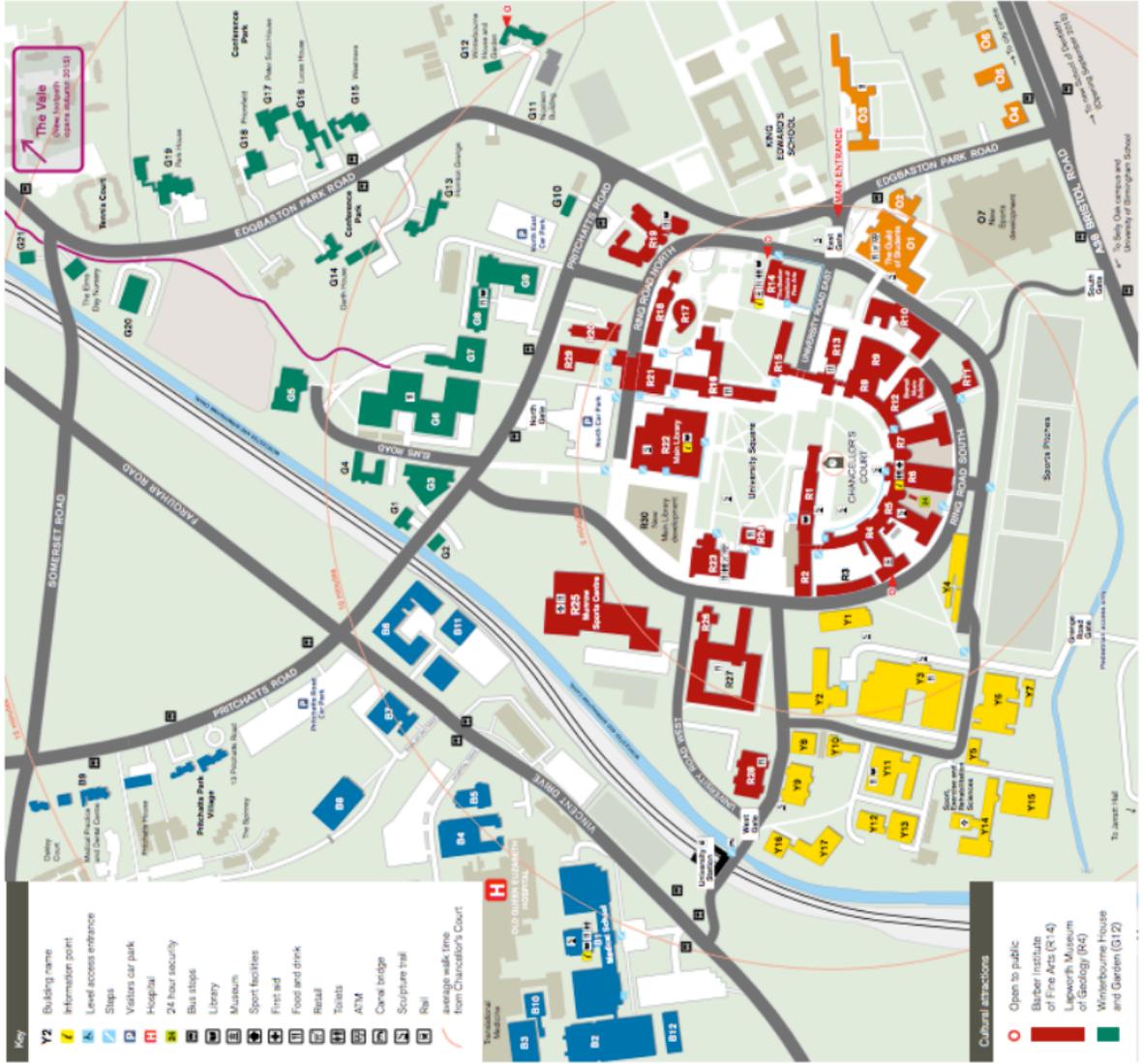
16:00 – 16:15 Closing summary

16:15 – 16:30 AGM

End of Conference

Useful information

Edgbaston Campus Map



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Red Zone	Green Zone	Blue Zone	Yellow Zone
R1 Law Building	G1 32 Pritchatts Road	B1 Medical School	Y1 Old Gymnasium
R2 Frankland Building	G2 31 Pritchatts Road	B2 Institute of Biomedical Research including IBR West	Y2 Hawthorn Building
R3 Hills Building	G3 European Research Institute	B3 Wellcome Clinical Research Facility	Y3 Mechanical and Civil Engineering Building
R4 Aston Webb – Lapworth Museum (Reopening 2016)	G4 3 Ems Road	B4 Robert Atkin Institute for Clinical Research	Y4 Terrace Huts
R5 Aston Webb – B Block	G5 Computer Centre	B5 CRUK Institute for Cancer Studies and Denis Howell Building	Y5 Estates West
R6 Aston Webb – Great Hall	G6 Metallurgy and Materials	B6 Research Park	Y6 Maintenance Building
R7 Aston Webb – Student Hub (Opening September 2015)	G7 IRC Nat Shape Laboratory	B7 Old Queen Elizabeth Hospital	Y7 Grounds and Gardens
R8 Physics West	G8 Gabbert Kapp Building	B8 90 Vincent Drive	Y8 Chemistry West
R9 Nuffield	G9 52 Pritchatts Road	B9 Henry Wellcome Building for Biomolecular NMR Spectroscopy	Y9 Computer Science
R10 Medical Physics	G10 54 Pritchatts Road	B10 Medical Practice and Dental Centre	Y10 Alta Bioscience
R11 Bramall Music Building	G11 Nicolson Building	B11 BioHub Birmingham	Y11 Chemical Engineering
R12 Poynting Building	G12 Winterbourne House and Garden	B12 Health Sciences Research Centre (HSRC)	Y12 Biochemical Engineering
R14 Barber Institute of Fine Arts	G15 Westmere		Y13 Chemical Engineering Workshop
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R18 Strachona Building			Y17 Public Health
R19 Education Building			
R20 J G Smith Building			
R21 Murhead Tower			
R22 Main Library			
R23 University Centre			
R24 Staff House			
R25 Munrow Sports Centre			
R26 Geography			
R27 Bioscience Building			
R28 Murray Learning Centre			
R29 Postgraduate Centre			
R30 New Library (under construction)			